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THE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF CWMBRAN

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

For the Year ending December
31st, 1942.

CWMBRAN.

October, 1943.

TO. The Chairman and Members of the
Urban District Council of Cwmbran.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Annual Report as Medical Officer of Health for your District. It is drawn up according to the directions of the Ministry of Health, and abbreviated this year as before.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS

These have not changed materially.

VITAL STATISTICS.

	Total.	Male.	Female.
LIVE BIRTHS - Legitimate	211	104	107.
Illegitimate	4	3	1.
Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated Resident Population	...	18.1	
Birth Rate of England and Wales 1942 ...	...	15.8	
	Total.	Male.	Female.
STILL BIRTHS	9	3	6.
Rate per 1,000 (Live and Still) Births		40.1	
DEATHS	134	82	52.
Death Rate per 1,000 of the estimated Resident Population		11.3	
ditto ditto 1941		11.4	
Death Rate for England and Wales ...	...	11.6	

DEATHS FROM PUERPERAL CAUSES -

There was none in the year under review.

INFANTILE MORTALITY

Eight Infants died under the age of one year.

Death Rate of Infants under one year of age-	
All Infants per 1,000 live births	37.2
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 legitimate Live Births	37.9
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 illegitimate Live Births	NIL.

Deaths from Cancer - (All ages)	...	...	21
Measles (All ages)	...	...	0
Whooping Cough (All ages)	...	...	0
Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	...	...	3

There has been no unusual or excessive mortality.

CAUSES OF SICKNESS.

The incidence of sickness was fairly normal during the year.

As mentioned before, unemployment has steadily decreased in the district, but the health advantage so gained may unfortunately be offset by the suspension of further slum clearance and overcrowding abatement due to the war.

Evacuee Children have been billeted wherever possible in houses where they will not cause overcrowding.

GENERAL PROVISION OF THE HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

There was no change in these services during the year under review.

SANITARY INSPECTION

The number of inspections made during 1942 was 180.

These consisted of inspections for damp, structural defects, and conditions arising from overcrowding.

The number of informal notices served was 88.

The abatement of 83 Drainage Nuisances was carried out by Council Workmen.

It is now necessary for the utmost care to be taken of existing houses as opportunities for rehousing are scarce, and furthermore the possibility of having to house or billet evacuated families from other areas must be kept in mind.

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS

There are in your district, 13 Factories, 11 Bakehouses, and 31 Workshops, making a total of 55 registered workshops. Inspection has been periodically made, especially as regards ventilation, light, limewashing and lavatory accommodation.

ERADICATION OF BED BUGS

Infested Houses :

(a) Council Houses	...	Nil	Disinfested...	Nil.
(b) Other Houses	...	2	Disinfested...	2.

The method employed for disinfestation is vermicine spray and fumigating blocks.

Belongings from tenants are disinfested in all cases before removal to Council Houses. This work is carried out by the Local Authority.

It was not found necessary to close the Schools during the year on account of infectious diseases.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

The regular inspection and supervision of food was carried out as usual.

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS
AND OTHER DISEASES.

DIPHTHERIA - 3 Cases were notified, one being of school age. None had been immunised and all recovered satisfactorily. Further school immunisation was carried out and approximately 40% of the children in the district had been protected by the end of the year.

CEREBRO SPINAL FEVER - 2 Cases occurred and were removed to Hospital. Both recovered.

MEASLES AND WHOOPING COUGH - 18 and 13 cases respectively were notified. All were treated at home as were the 22 Scarlet Fever Cases which were all of a very mild type.

STREPTICIDE is available at the Council Offices for the treatment of puerperal pyrexia, but fortunately as in 1941, there were no cases.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS)
DURING THE YEAR 1942.

DISEASE	Total Cases Notified.	Cases admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths.
Small Pox	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	22	-	-
Diphtheria	3	-	-
Enteric Fever (including Paratyphoid)	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia ..	-	-	-
Pneumonia	18	-	4
Erysipelas	-	-	-

AGE GROUP ANALYSIS

	under 1.yr.	1.	2.	3.	4.	5/10	10/15	15/20	20/35	35/45	45/60
1. Scarlet Fever	-	1	-	2	5	11	3	-	-	-	-
2. Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	1
3. Pneumonia	-	1	-	-	1	3	2	-	3	2	6
4. Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

TUBERCULOSIS

New cases and Mortality during 1942.

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths.			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	Male	Female	Male	Female.	Male	Female	Male	Female
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
15	1	1	1	2	0	1	0	0
20	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
25	2	1	0	1	0	1	0	0
35	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
45	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
55	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
65 and Upwards.								
TOTALS	9	2	3	4	2	2	1	0

All known cases were notified.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant.

JAMES FLEMING.